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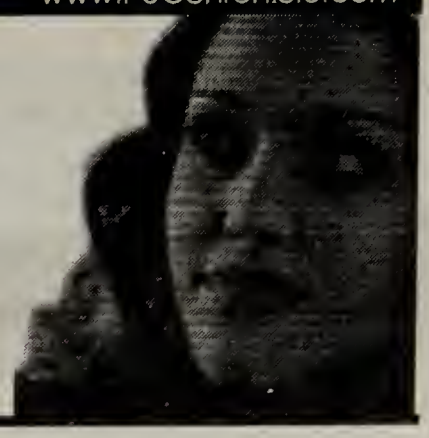


Vice Chancellor Edwards resigns

■ Edwards to return to alma mater Lincoln Christian College in January

JEN BERG
Copy Editor

Gary Edwards has resigned from his position as vice chancellor, effective Dec. 31. Starting Jan. 2, Edwards will become vice president of development at his alma mater, Lincoln Christian College, located in Illinois.

Edwards successor for vice chancellor at PUC has yet to be named.

"He was very nice to work with and for," Judith Curtis, secretary for the office of advancement, said.

Edwards has more than 30 years of development and fundraising experience, has directed university marketing initiatives and has supervised the Offices of University Relations and Alumni Affairs.

"I have give given my life to raising money for worthy organizations both secular and Christian. My last years have focused mainly on the secular, and I am anxious to devote my remaining time of service to Christian higher education," Edwards said.

> "I am proud of my time with PUC and the wonderful opportunity I have had to be a part of the PUC family,"
> Gary Edwards, vice chancellor

As the vice chancellor, Edwards was a part of the administrative team and had numerous responsibilities such as bringing the Resource Center, Entrepreneurship Center and the Napoleon Hill World Learning Center to our campus.

"Much of my effort focused on fund raising for these programs as well as input into the actual development of the programs," Edwards said.

"Soon after he arrived here, he led a successful $5 million capital campaign that actually generated some $7 million," Chancellor James Yackel said.

The capital campaign was called the "Strengthening the Partnership." The more than $7 million raised was for unrestricted giving scholarship, the Resource Center, K-12 partnerships, faculty enhancement and laboratory equipment, Edwards said.

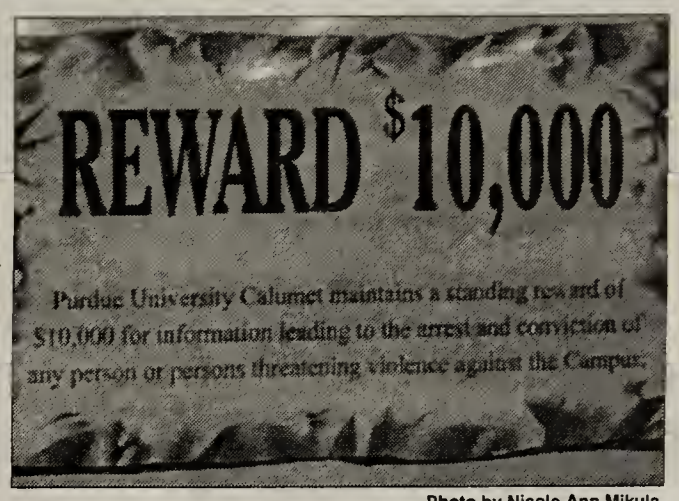
The most recent achievement for Edwards was the money he raised for the construction of The Center, and much of the funding for the Challenger Learning Center.

"It was my good fortune to raise the first $1 million dollar gift to PUC and to arrange and raise the money for the Challenger Learning Center," Edwards said.

"He played an extremely active role in the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana coming to our campus and served as the first chair of the board of directors of the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana. He also has donated his time and expertise to assist various community and church organizations with their fundraising programs," Yackel said.

Before becoming a vice chancellor at PUC, Edwards was vice president for development at Manhattan Christian College located in Kansas. He holds a master's degree from Ball State University.

"I am proud of my time with PUC and the wonderful opportunity I have had to be a part of the PUC family," Edwards said.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Purdue University Calumet maintains a standing reward of $10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons threatening violence against the Campus

Photo by Nicole Ann Mikula

Safety concerns arise over bomb threat policies

LORRELL D. KILPATRICK
Staff Writer

Imagine yourself right before failing an important exam, be it a midterm or a final. Just as your perspiration reaches its zenith and you are about to write the wrong answer to your first question, the police burst into the room screaming for a everyone to evacuate the building due to a bomb threat. Whether it is due to someone's test anxiety, an extremely bad joke or a serious act of aggression, any threat against this campus is a crime.

There have been two bomb threats this semester, one on Sept. 19 phoned in to the customer service center, and the other Sept. 26 phoned in to the University Police Station. Some concerns have been raised about the university's response, or lack thereof, to these threats. On neither the first nor the second incident was the campus or a specific building evacuated.

> "There have always been bomb threats for as long as I have been a student here, so you cannot tell which ones are real and which aren't."
> Jamal Stewart, senior majoring in economics

"The action we take depends on what the caller says," University Police Sgt. Nicholas Zwier, said.

Zwier said that there are specific guidelines that are followed when determining how to handle a threatening call. These include listening for certain key words and determining whether the caller is a child or an adult.

Even when there is not a campus evacuation, it does not mean that there is no action taken. Zwier commented, "An emergency response team, composed of university staff members, are dispatched to the location in question and search for evidence of an actual bomb," Zwier said.

Not all students agree with the policy.

"I feel that the campus should be evacuated for every instance. Each time there is a bomb threat, my life is in danger," Christi Young, a freshman majoring in mathematics, said.

Some students, however, do not feel as concerned.

"There has always been bomb threats for as long as I have been a student here, so you cannot tell which ones are real and which aren't," Jamal Stewart, a senior majoring in economics, said.

So how is the decision made whether or not to evacuate the campus, or even a building? Either Steve Chaddock, chief of university police, or Mike Kull, director of facilities and logistical support services, make the decision with the chancellor to evacuate the campus based on the aforementioned criteria.

Making a bomb threat is felony offence, and at PUC reporting factual information that leads to the arrest of the guilty party is rewarded with $10,000.

Workshop raises awareness for environmental issues

ADAM RAVEN
Staff Writer

An environmental workshop for elementary and secondary educators was held on subjects of pollution and the environment in the SFLC building on Oct. 6. Issues dealt with included transportation, fossil fuels and damaged habitats. The program provided an opportunity to meet representatives from Project Leap; Chicago's Field Museum, the National Lake Shore Environmental Learning Center and the National 4-H programs. These workshops springboard the concems of the people who are environmentally aware.

One of the larger current environmental concems is the "last frontier," Alaska's polar north.

According to the Wilderness Society, spring appears late on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Dragging arctic days sprawls rich sedges and grasses from the tundra, a gorging feast for over 150,000 starving caribou that have migrated from

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Photo by Nicole Ann Mikula

Carol Olds, a senior in biology, holds a fox snake, as Doris Conn, a junior in information systems and computer programming, looks on at the PUC Environmental Fair.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Enrollment data reveals much; PUC responds to community needs through United Way campaign

You read in last week's Chronicle about the decrease this fall in credit hour enrollment.

As reported in the front page story, the two main reasons cited — by Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Beth Pellicciotti and Chancellor James Yackel — for the decrease are our robust local economy and some 100 would-be freshman enrollees who failed to pass the newly-introduced ISTEP Graduation Qualifying Exam, a condition of high school graduation.

As Chancellor Yackel indicated in the story, a strong local economy tends to place greater job-related demands on our employed students. Longer work hours typically translate into a reduced course load or an interruption in one's schooling.

We use the term "stop out" to refer to those individuals who temporarily halt their schooling in order to respond to short term, pressing priorities — e.g., job, family, etc. When the urgency of those priorities subsides, those individuals tend to resume their schooling plans.

Beyond credit hours and head count — our official enrollment total is 9,045 — are other aspects that provide an interesting look at the make-up of Purdue Calumet. To wit:

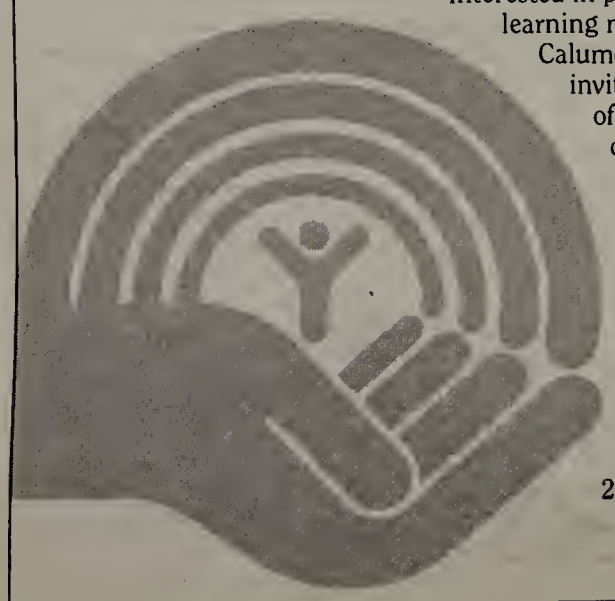
- The mix of full time and part-time students (those carrying 12 or more credit hours and those carrying fewer than 12) is pretty much split. Full time students comprise 49 percent of the total student body. Among undergraduate students, 55 percent are full time enrollees.
- 57 percent of the student body is comprised of females.
- Indiana residents make up 92 percent of the student body.
- Graduate students comprise nearly 11 percent of the student body.
- Ethnically, one out of four students is either Hispanic or African-American. Hispanic students represent nearly 13 percent of the student body. The percentage of African-American enrollees is just shy of 12 percent.
- Students aged 17 to 25-years-old comprise 62 percent of the student body.
- One out of five students is 26 to 35-years-old. Nearly 6 percent are 46 or older.
- Despite the drop in overall enrollment, student increases were reported within: the School of Management, up 5.6 percent to 1,023; the School of Education, up 5.3 percent to 494; the Dept. of History and Political Science, up 3.7 percent to 250; the Dept. of Construction Technology, up 2.6 percent to 195; and the School of Nursing, up 0.75 percent to 268.

Campus reaches out to community needs via LAUW

Purdue Calumet has kicked off its annual Lake Area United Way campaign with a campus pledge goal of $22,000. The LAUW benefits nearly 50 social agencies throughout our region.

The campaign, the only one endorsed and approved for campus participation by the Purdue Board of Trustees, generated more than $21,000 last year from faculty and staff participants. The amount exceeded our campus goal of $20,000.

This year's campaign continues through Nov. 14. Students interested in participating or learning more about Purdue Calumet's involvement are invited to contact either of this year's campus campaign co-chairs, Academic Affairs Administrative Assistant Barbara Synos (CLO-158, PH: 989-2446) or Acting Head of the Dept. of Chemistry and Physics C. Clifton Chancey (GYTE 257, PH: 989-2284).



At a glance

around campus

Los Latinos seeks new members

Los Latinos is seeking new members. Membership is open to all PUC students. Meetings will be held on Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in SFLC-321.For more information contact Ray at 844-1371 or e-mail Jose at Bigboy15@hotmail.com

Black Student Union to sponsor annual talent/fashion show

The Black Student Union will be hosting their annual talent/fashion show on Dec. 6, in Alumni Hall from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Both students and non-students are welcome to come out and audition. Audition dates and times will be posted.

For more information, contact Akili Sadiki in the BSU office at 989-3126.

Wellness Center sponsors student wellness blood screenings

The PUC Wellness Center will be offering PUC students and their family members the opportunity to participate in an upcoming Wellness Blood Screening program.

A number of blood screening tests will be available at discounted prices to allow students to monitor their current health status. Results are completely confidential and mailed to an address of your choice.

The available tests are: Wellness Test for $25, Sensitive TSH thyroid screen for $20, Allergen panels – northern or food allergies for $45 and Hemoglobin A1C for $20. The tests will be offered on Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the SFLC Concourse and on Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m in the PER Building.

For more information on testing and on scheduling testing, contact the Wellness Center at 989-2550.

Andrew Horning to speak at PUC

Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Andrew Horning will be discussing issues of residents of Northwest Indiana as well as students of PUC on Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m. in Gyte-107. The event will be sponsored by SGA.

Society for Human Resource Management announces fall 2000 meetings

The Society for Human Resources Management's meeting for the fall 2000 semester is as follows: Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5.

All meetings will be at 5 p.m. and in Gyte-108. If you are unable to attend, but still wish to participate, e-mail Tony Hobson at pucshrmpres@yahoo.com

Mentors wanted

The Perkins Mentoring Program is looking for students to work as mentors. Mentors help incoming freshman become acquainted with the university environment.

The pay starts at $6 per hour and hours are flexible.

For more information contact Nikki Fitzgerald or Miriam Williams at 989-2664 or stop by Gyte-171.

The Chronicle looking for writers

The Chronicle, PUC's award-winning newspaper is looking for writers to fill vacancies in the news and sports department.

There is no experience necessary and the experience is priceless.

For more information on becoming a writer, call Jason at 989-2547.

Click for a cure

A newly created Web site is donating money for research in bone marrow transplantation for every person that click on their Web site.

For more information on City of Hope call 800-260-HOPE.

Diabetes management classes offered

Saint Margaret Mercy Healthcare Centers is offering diabetes education programs that teach diet, general care and the diabetes process.

Diabetes management classes are offered at various sites at morning, afternoon and evening times.

Contact Dorothy Klapak, diabetes nurse educator, at 933-2144 or 981-9305, ext. 32144 for more information on dates, times, locations and fees.

Quote of the Week

'No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.'

-Abraham Lincoln
1808-1865

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their wintering havens in Canada to their calving grounds on the coastal plain to bring about the next generation to ensure survival of the species. Millions upon millions of migrating birds also are heading for the coastal plain. Old Squaw, eiders, snow geese, tundra swans, and some 130 other species use the refuge for nest sites and stops for long awaited rests.

Abruptly, the sunlit plain bursts with life beauty. Overcome by the sense of an oncoming feast after a sleep-filled and harsh winter of fasting, grizzlies will descend down from the foothills. Wolves, arctic foxes, wolverines, even golden eagles also will converge on the coastal plain in search of food for themselves and for their young. Their primary food substance: the ground squirrel playfully called "tsik-sik" by native Inuits, commonly referred to as Eskimos. This dance of life and death has been going on for tens of thousands of years without a hint of disturbance until the European man and his trading companies made their way to this region during the late 17th century, according to the Wilderness Society and Yellowstone.net.

"Hundreds of miles of roads and pipelines lead to dozens of oil fields, blocking the free movement of wildlife."
The Wilderness Society, in a report to President Clinton

Breath taking wildlife, beauty and the hands of creation mark this arctic wilderness of timberland forests, peaks that touch the heavens, and tundra that stretches like a cold frozen desert. Standing at 19 million acres, this northeast Alaskan refuge is the largest in the United States. Featuring an amazing range and diversity of arctic and sub-arctic ecosystems, with an extraordinary assemblage that rivals the spectacle of the tropics. The 1.5 million-acre coastal plain, the unique area most important to wildlife, is being eyed by the American oil industry for spawning oil deposits to fill the mechanic belly of the nation.

Polar and grizzly bears, wolves, musk oxen, and snow geese are just a handful of the more than 250 animal species that use the coastal plain for their homes and livelihoods. Millions of birds from as far away as the Chesapeake Bay, Africa and Antarctica nest and rear their young on the coastal plain and prepare for their long migration back home to escape the deathly cold reality of the

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PUC police beat 10/3/00-10/5/00

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 9:15 a.m. A traffic accident happened on the service road east of the P-1 parking lot north of the university police station. A vehicle struck a pole while backing from a covered parking space.

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2 p.m. A traffic accident occurred in the P-7 parking lot north of Porter Hall. A vehicle was backing from a parking space and struck a second vehicle driving by. The force of the impact caused the backing vehicle to be pushed into a parked vehicle.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 12:45 p.m. A minor traffic accident occurred in the P-9 parking lot south of SFLC. Two vehicles were backing up from parking spaces across from each other when the accident occurred.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1:50 p.m. A traffic accident occurred in the P-6 parking lot north of Porter Hall. A vehicle struck the rear of a second vehicle when the driver's attention was diverted.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 4:45 p.m. A student intern at the child care center reported being struck in the stomach several times by an unruly child. The victim complained of a sore stomach.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 3:10 p.m. A staff member was moving new chairs at the Conference Center when she cut two fingers on her left hand. An exposed staple caused the injuries. She was treated at the scene of the injury.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 10:05 p.m. A staff member reported a burglary to her locked office in the Gyte Annex. The office was entered without force and a lap top computer was taken along with money from a purse.

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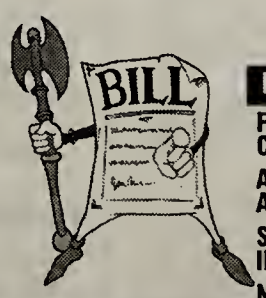

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Unreported bomb threats signal danger

An anonymous bomb threat is called in by an unidentified caller in a phone booth. It wouldn't be the first time (and probably not the last time) this happened at PUC. It's the actions following the call that should mean something to the students.

Who is notified of bomb threats? Most students would think: Hammond Police, PUC police and PUC administration; then faculty, staff and students. What they probably wouldn't think of is that some bomb threats are called in without students being notified. (Which also means full searches are most likely not being done if students aren't being evacuated.)

Students at PUC have the right to feel safe. If students aren't notified when there are bomb threats, then how can they ever be completely sure there isn't a threat at any given time?

The first question to be asked, however, should be whether it's legal not to notify students. Even if the evacuation process is not carried out in an official capacity, shouldn't it be the educated choice of the students if they want to remain in classes or on campus during such a situation?

Even when the threats appear in the police beat of *The Chronicle*, not much information is given by the PUC police. They end with "the incident is under investigation," but why don't students know what has been found out at the end of the investigation?

The police can't describe to the student body how they would look into something like that, which most students understand. The police could, however, let students know if they really do search the buildings and a little bit about the general procedure, if there is one.

Don't students have the right to know even for the simple reason that no one can know for sure that it isn't a real threat until it has been investigated completely, and that amount of time could mean the difference between life and death. Not only could a bomb go off, but there could be other types of violence around the time of a threat that a student would be more likely to watch out for (at least somewhat) during that type of situation.

Why would PUC police and administration want to keep that information from the students?

Could it be in the best interest of the students by giving them the sense of security they need to be able to go to their classes and concentrate on their studies? Students who are worried that they might be hurt or killed at school are probably less likely to stay on campus to attend all of their classes on a given day, and especially not to do extra studying. Some might even consider switching universities.

Or, could it be in the best interest of the university administration not to notify the students? A question could be raised the possibility of lost tuition dollars when students decide to chose their safety over education.

Regardless of the reason, students deserve to know.

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The People Speak

Question of the Week: What is your biggest concern about the environment? Have you done anything to help ease the concern?

Andrea Skertich
freshman, elementary education
"Air pollution is my biggest concern but I haven't really done anything about it."

Jose Paradise
freshman., architect technology
"My biggest concern is that all the trees are going to be gone. To help I have tried to conserve paper."

Mick O'Toole
junior, organizational leadership and supervision
"I don't really care because I will be dead before the environment gets that bad."

Dave Wilken
junior, architect technology
"I would have to say my biggest concern is pollution. I try to car pool as much as possible."

Salle Demkowicz
sophomore, communication
"I guess my biggest concern would have to be pollution. I car pool to school and I recycle as much as possible."

Shannon Earle
freshman, elementary education
"I won't litter, so it piles up in my car and I throw it away or recycle it."

It's time for change in our government

DANIEL BRUGIONI
Staff Writer

If Ronald Reagan knew what the hell was going on, he would be very happy with the current state of affairs. Our nation just entered the 20th consecutive year of his administration, the economy still runs on his Trickle-Down Theory, and nearly all social programs have been eradicated.

The rest of us, on the other hand, had better stop drooling on ourselves and see what the hell is going on. Our economy just enjoyed its tenth straight year of overall growth and productivity, but there are big problems in this land of opportunity.

Do you know that the top one percent of households in this country control more wealth than the bottom 95percent? Bill Gates alone made more than the 120 million poorest Americans combined last year!

My buddies Gorey and Georgie W., are doing their utmost to ensure the current economic boom continues for all Americans, whether they own a large corporation, or merely operate one. Either through huge tax breaks or corporate welfare, all of the corporation friends who donated to their campaigns will be repaid. It's the rest of America that will be overlooked.

Unless you are in the bottom 95 percent, though, you have nothing to worry about.

Bill Clinton (who filmmaker Michael Moore calls the best Republican President since Lincoln) has bragged to the media about the millions of jobs his Presidency has created. He has every right to; the number is somewhere in the neighborhood of 17 million.

What Slick Willie doesn't tell you is that a vast majority of these are low paying service level positions, most of a temporary nature.

Forty-seven million Americans (one-third of the workforce) make less than $10 an hour, definitely not a livable wage. Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, recently spoke of this phenomenon in his campaign acceptance speech: "The majority of workers still, after ten years of overall economic growth, make less today in inflation adjusted dollars - and work 160 hours longer a year - than they did in 1973!"

Shocking?

Top CEO's are making on average 416 times the amount of entry-level workers in their companies.

1999 was the first year personal debt exceeded disposable income in America – ever!

35 percent of Americans live below the poverty line, 20 percent are children.

On top of that, more than 45 million Americans have no health care at all.

For the 95 percent of us, it may start looking like a third world country sooner than we'd like to think.

Letter to the Editor

Condescending faculty concerns student

It is the beginning of a new school year. Some are happy to be back, and others think that summer went by too quick. Myself, I am thrilled to be entering this school year knowing it is my last semester.

Despite my optimistic outlook, I was immediately confronted with a problem that compelled me to write this article. The problem I speak of is the condescension of faculty members toward students. When I say this, I do not, by any means, refer to every faculty member and student. I am speaking of certain faculty members, and they will know who they are if they decide to read this article.

The word condescension, in this context, means patronizing attitude or behavior. If a teacher looks down on the students, usually they will speak with condescension. They will have a superior attitude about them, and the students will be subject to unnecessary and inappropriate abuse. By abuse I am speaking of mental and emotional abuse. When a teacher gives a student the impression that they are nothing, this causes unnecessary distress in that student's life. The student may feel ignorant, unimportant, or uncomfortable when in the presence of that teacher. These feelings undermine education. The purpose of a teacher is education, therefore, there should be no attitude or behavior in a classroom to affect or destroy that purpose.

Attitude is a human property acquired through time. Some have a good attitude and go about life in a cheerful way. Others have a bad attitude and go about life in a way that displeases others.Teachers who condescend to students go about life in a way that displeases me, and I would rightly assume it displeases their students as well.

Not much can be done about teachers that fall into this category. All the power we as students have is to give the teacher a bad review at the end of the semester. What I suggest to the students is to challenge those teachers at what they think they know best. Show them what you are made of and turn the tables, if you will. Demand respect and it will be given.

Steven R. Raketic,
senior, mathematics

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Environment

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far North. The coastal plain is the most significant on-land polar bear den habitat in the U.S. The 155,000-member Porcupine Caribou Herd has used the coastal plain as a calving area for centuries, traveling hundreds of miles from wintering grounds in Canada and the U.S, according to the Wilderness Society.

According to the Wilderness Society, there is no alternative to this sensitive habitat for the caribou herd. The annual gathering of the herd is a spectacle reminiscent of Africa's Serengeti and of the enormous herds of buffalo that once thundered across the Great Plains. The Gwich' in (Athabaskan) people depend on the herd for their subsistence and culture.

Saving this unmatched arctic wilderness has been compared to the effort to protect Yellowstone, which 19th-century detractors considered too remote to have much value to the average American.

According to Republican Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, the oil monopolies and its allies in Congress have lobbied to pass legislation that would open the Arctic Refuge to drilling since the late 1980s. In 1995, Congress passed a massive budget bill that included an Arctic drilling provision, but President Clinton vetoed it, citing his dissatisfaction on the plan that would strip the land and ocean.

The oil industry states that it can develop the Arctic Refuge in an "environmentally sensitive" manner. They point to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, but oil disasters have averaged 500 a year, and permitted emissions of air pollutants exceeding the total emissions of at least six states.

The Wilderness Society stated in a report to President Clinton last June that, "Hundreds of miles of roads and pipelines leading to dozens of oil fields, blocking the free movement of wildlife. Toxic wastes leaking from pipelines onto the fragile tundra, contaminating wetlands. Rivers and streambeds — key habitat for wildlife stripped of millions of tons of gravel for road, airstrips, and drill-pad construction. Living quarters for thousands of workers, and air pollution rivaling that of a small city. Smoky oil flares extending for miles across the arctic horizon. Helicopters, cargo planes, dump trucks and bulldozers; the sights and sounds of heavy equipment would at times be almost constant."

Also in a 1987 report by the Department of Interior states that Oil companies interested haven't reported to the public that 95 percent of the coastal plain is already open to oil and gas exploration. This means that there is a 20 percent chance of discovering oil and even less in being able to recover it. If oil were to be located it would be in one out of a 100 expeditions, it may only satisfy about one percent of U.S. oil needs "the life of the field", or a total of 90 days' worth of oil. This is a far cry from the frustration being shouted for a lack of oil to be conformed into gas for the American public's industrial stomach and nowhere able to quench it's hunger for the reprisal of the OPEC decision to cut our shipments of crude oil, according to the Wilderness Society.

In March 1993, The Society issued a report by the Tellus Institute refuting oil industry claims that Arctic Refuge drilling would create hundreds of thousands of jobs. Tellus concluded that an ambitious national campaign to improve energy efficiency would create far more jobs and that they would be longer lasting, according to the Wilderness Society.

"Our nation's dependence on oil from the Persian Gulf is increasing, despite new discoveries in the Caspian Sea. It is important for the United States to maintain its own sources of energy. We should recognize that our future energy security depends upon the development of alternative fuels and other renewable sources of energy. I strongly support the development on these fuels recently passed Congress and was signed into law. These fuels offer major advantages in promoting rural development and in addressing the threat of climate change," Lugar said.

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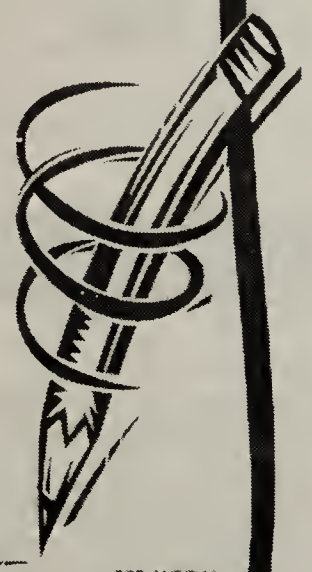

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Cameron scores with 'Dark Angel'

JIM SABIN
Staff Writer

The world's greatest writer and director of motion pictures, James Cameron, attempts to transfer his genius from the silver screen to the small screen with Fox's Tuesday-night sci-fi series "Dark Angel."

In the past, Cameron has given the world some of the greatest movies in the sci-fi and action genres. His blockbusters include "The Terminator" franchise, which set the standard for special effects during the '90s, and "Aliens," which arguably is the greatest sequel ever made.

Jessica Alba plays Max in Fox's new series *"Dark Angel."*

Of course, one cannot refer to James Cameron without making mention of the all-time box office champion and 1997's best picture "Titanic," which grossed more than $600 million in the United States and nearly $2 billion worldwide. Just as a point of reference, no other movie has grossed $1 billion.

Show	"Dark Angel"
Actor	Jessica Alba
Rating	8 of 10

In 1998, Cameron was faced with the obvious question about his next project, "How would he follow up a movie that broke the bank and won 11 Oscars?

Unfortunately for fans of Cameron and the comic book webslinger, that never came to fruition. The rightful owner of a possible "Spiderman" franchise was one of great debates in the courts and was apparently buried in a seemingly endless pile of red tape. Cameron's attention shifted toward creating a third installment of "The Terminator," but sadly the rights to that franchise was being decided by high-priced studio lawyers as well. Frustrated, Cameron disappeared from the headlines of Hollywood news.

Ironically, two years later, he is back with his first effort geared for the small screen, while both "Spiderman" and "T3" are currently in production. "Dark Angel," which stars Jessica Alba as the lead character, Max, takes place in the year 2019 in the city of Seattle following "The Shock."

Apparently, a terrorist group detonated a bomb, which emitted an electromagnetic shock powerful enough to wipe away the world's electronic banking systems. As a result, the United States has become a third-world country under martial law. But that's just the half of it.

Alba, who exudes so much sex appeal that it may be necessary for viewers to adjust their picture settings, was genetically engineered in a lab and designed to be a member of an elite military fighting force. At the age of nine, she escaped, along with 12 others who were "created" to be the same.

Cameron gives Alba the speed of a cheetah and the strength of an elephant which results in "Matrix"-like action sequences too good to be on TV. As she avoids the authorities and drops wit-filled one-line blurbs, Max dreams of reuniting with her test- tube comrades. She manages to find an ally in Logan (Michael Weatherly) who hacks into the police state's television signal and delivers the truth about the oppression facing Seattle's citizens.

With visually-stunning action and backdrops, "Simpsons"-like dialogue, and a lead actress that is sure to give Cindy Margolis a run for her money as the most downloaded image from the Intemet, "Dark Angel" is guaranteed to be a hit. 'Dark Angel" airs Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. on Fox.

"Dark Angel" airs on Fox Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Madonna grabs fans with simple lyrics

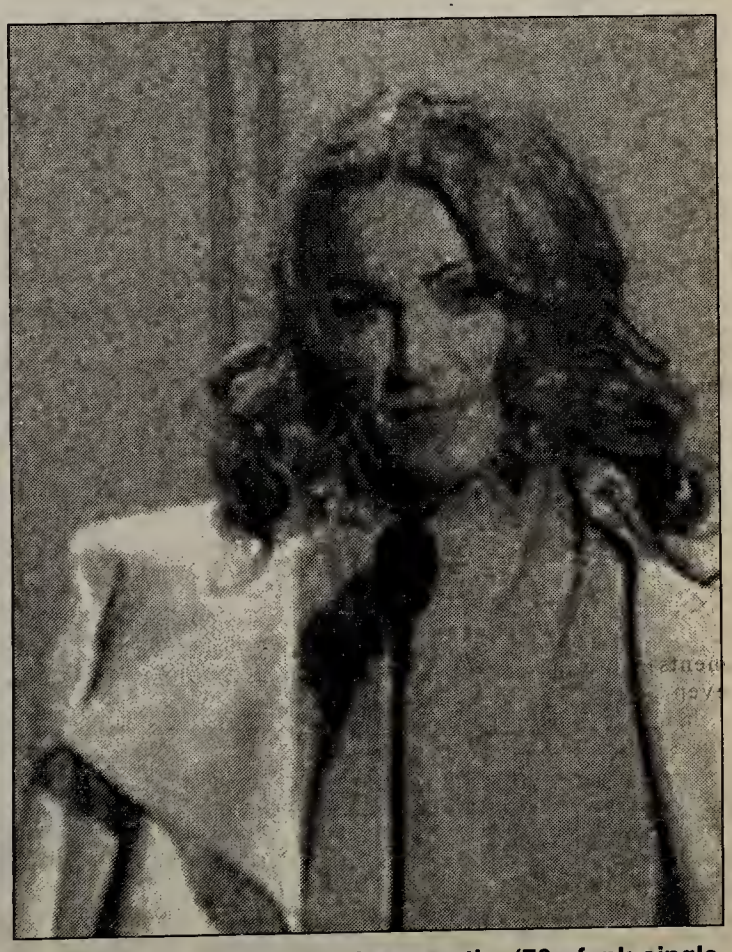
CAMILLE GONZALEZ-JENSEN
Staff Writer

"Music" is the latest CD from new mom Madonna. The disc is a deeper exploration of the soothing club rhythms from 1998's,"Ray of Light." Superbly produced, "Music" ranges from dance, pop and even folk rhythms. She even attempts to address the inequalities that women face in her song "What it feels like for a Girl."

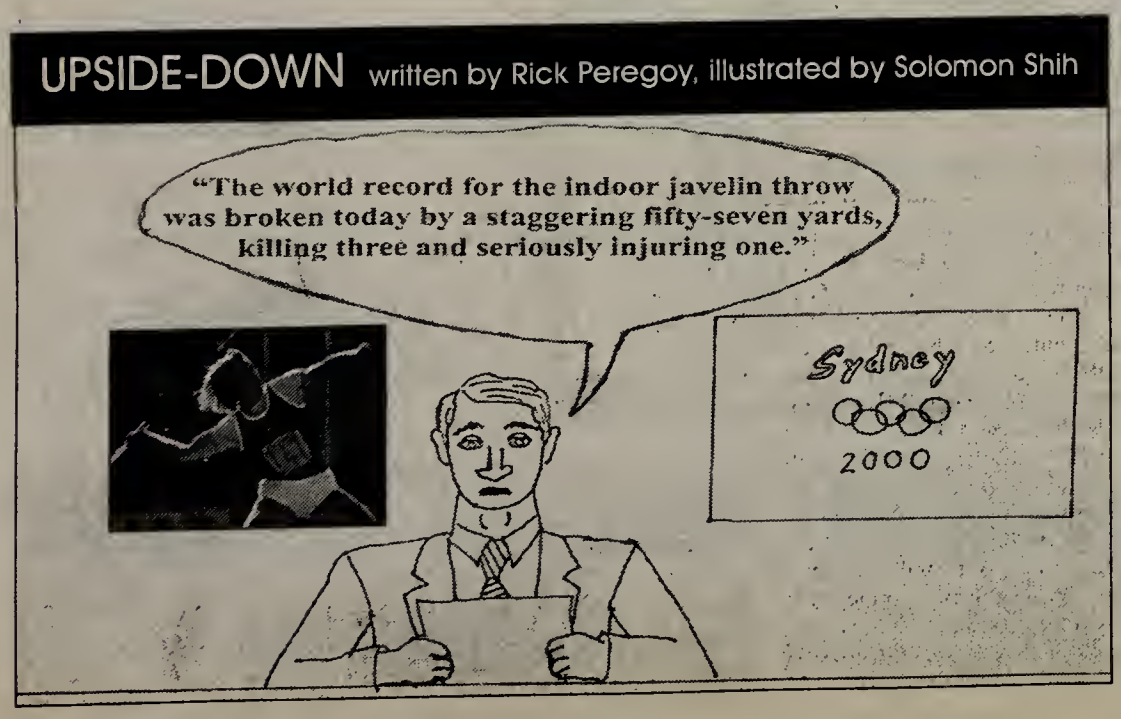
The majority of the tracks on the album were produced and written by both Madonna and Mirwais Ahmadzai and the result is a mellower multi-layered sound. The first single, "Music", blends '70s sounds over a funky beat and hooks you with its simplicity. Unlike the introspective messages on "Ray of Light," "Music" is about her having a good time. Her lyrics are simple. There is no mistaking what she is trying to say. "This guy was meant for me/And I was meant for him/This guy was dreamt for me/ and I was dreamt for him/"from her song "I Deserve It."At times while listening to this album, I feel like she recorded a conversation between her friend or lover and decided to put it to music. Simple lyrics and a large production budget are "typical Madonna" and this album is no exception. I think this album is very good and has some catchy rhythms, but I do not think that it will be remembered as her best work. If you are a big Madonna fan, you probably already have this album. If you really like her single "Music" but aren't sure if you want to buy it, try to listen to it first at Best Buy. Something to think about, although she plays no instrument on the album, the latest publicity photos shows her with a guitar slung around her. You would think that with all of the money she has she could learn to play. Oh well. I guess that's just what makes Madonna, Madonna.

CD	"Music"
Artist	Madonna
Rating	7 of 10

For more information there is a Web site called madonnamusic.com.



Madonna's newest album features the '70s funk single "Music."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As if meeting the parents isn't stressful enough

JENNIFER MCCAMPBELL
Photographer

Imagine that you are all ready to ask your girlfriend to marry you when the phone rings. Her sister is getting married, but all you hear is, "Well at least he knew enough to ask dad first." Your world has just come to a complete halt. The plans have changed. It is time to meet the parents.

This is what happens to Greg Focker (Ben Stiller), and yes, that is F-O-C-K-E-R, sounds just as it is spelled. He falls completely in love with Pam Byrnes (Teri Polo) and now the only thing standing in their way is her father. The only problem with that is he is an ex-CIA agent and determined not to like anyone that his first-born daughter brings home.

It is not like Focker is making a good impression on Jack Byrnes (Robert De Niro) anyway. Let's see ... he is a cat-hating male nurse who relies on humor and cigarettes when he is stressed. In this house he cannot smoke (it is a sign of weakness), humor is not working and Mr. Jinx is the family's loved and adored cat.

Movie	"Meet the Parents"
Actors	Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller
Rating	7 of 10

Focker's life only gets better when the airport loses his luggage. He is making a phone call to the airport when he lets the cat out of the house, a huge no-no. Then he has to find Mr. Jinx before anyone notices that he is gone. This is where the real problems begin. Mr. Jinx climbs on the roof and Focker follows him. He finds the cigarettes that Pam threw up there and makes a decision, smoke or get the cat. Well, he decided to smoke and create more problems. The cat almost falls off the roof and in an attempt to save him, Focker throws his still lit cigarette into the leaf-filled gutter. We all know what is going to happen next. He stomps out the cigarette, breaking the gutter into the power wires and causing the whole yard to catch on fire. Would have been a great scene, if it wasn't given away in the previews.

Jack Byrnes (Robert De Niro) meets Greg Focker (Ben Stiller).

The movie goes on to put Focker in several different predicaments, most of which turn this into your predictable Hollywood movie.

After Focker gives up and leaves Pam, Jack makes a last effort attempt to bring Focker back. From here, the movie continues down a predictable yet humorous road until we get to the end of the film.

All great movies have a happy ending, but I only give this one seven out of 10 stars. I think too much is given away in the previews and certain things are a little too predictable. Not to mention that it had its dragging moments when things could have moved a tad bit faster or been cut out all together.

Stiller's performance is reminiscent of his role in "There's Something About Mary." DeNiro plays his typical role when he ventures out to do a comedy. The two actors work well with each other, but the script is not any where near the hilarious script to "There's Something About Mary," but is it really fair to compare these two movies?

However, I would recommend this movie to anyone who is looking for a good laugh at the good guy's dispense.

Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) goes home with his girlfriend Pam (Teri Polo) to meet her family.

Back Door Lounge: a steal of a meal

RICK PEREGOY
Entertainment Editor

What it's not.

It's not a burger patterned to meet the approval of the overall vague tastebud expectations of the vast and diverse American society. It's not a burger slopped together by a high school kid, whose chief concerns in life are anything other than what you're having for lunch.

It is also not a burger that was constructed left of center (the bottom bun), center (the patty), right of center (all of the condiments), and even more right of center (the top bun). It's not a burger that cost $2.29 or 50 cents extra for a simple slice of American cheese, and it definitely is not a burger that when ordered is followed up with the cliché question... "Want fries with that?"

Restaurant	The Back Door Lounge
Cost	.99-$9
Rating	9 of 10

What it is:

It is a burger made to order. It is crafted in a caring fashioned by people who are at the very least, old enough to be in a lounge. It is a burger that only cost $.99 and only $1.14 if you happen to want cheese. Want fries with that or not, you're getting fries and at no additional cost!

After eating at the Back Door Lounge, located at 811 East Ridge Road in Griffith, Ind., I found myself wondering how the Burger King located on the same street could stay in business.

Sure, Burger King is "fast food." But it's not like the Back Door Lounge requires the allotted amount of time necessary to cook a Thanksgiving turkey to get a burger in front of you. About five to seven minutes after you order, a smiling waitress or lounge manager Rick Johnson will deliver the much-better-than-average burger. How many times have you been forced to pull up and wait five or even seven minutes at a fast food drive up window because the car ahead of you has order a Big Mac with two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, hold the pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun, causing a massive breakdown in the entire McWorker workforce.

THE BACK DOOR LOUNGE
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Ninety-nine cents for a burger that tastes like it came off of somebody's back yard barbecue than over the counter or out of a bag.

The proportion of the french fries cover the plate and they are totally home made. Like a garden on your burger? Everything but the kitchen sink is available, and I'm really not all that sure about the kitchen sink...I just didn't think to order it.

Want a taco? That'll be a $1.25, delicious and enough to fill up the average person. Why go to a steak house and pay $18 for a New York strip steak when the Back Door Lounge cooks them to order for $9?

They always have a daily special. Tuesday's special is always changing, but on the day that I was there they had stuffed cabbage which was excellent! On Wednesday, they have spaghetti, Thursday's are dollar tacos and Friday's offering is a fish sandwich.

On Saturdays, they have a lamb roast. On Monday nights during football season, they have hot dogs for a quarter.

One might think that The Back Door Lounge is marking down it's prices just to get people to come in and drink, but you can call ahead for a carry-out order for an additional 25 cents. You must be at least 21 to enter. If you're not yet 21, the Backdoor lounge is worth the wait.

Price, quantity and friendly service team up to get this establishment 9 out of 10 stars.

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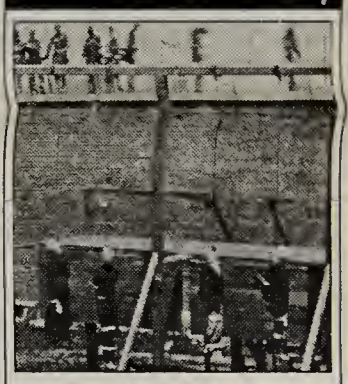

Hanging second from left is Lewis Paine, one of the four Lincoln assassination conspirators hanged on July 7, 1865 at 1:26 p.m. Unlike the other three who where killed instantly as the result of broken necks, Paine's neck was strong enough to withstand the fall so he got to live longer than the other three as he waited for the lack of oxygen to do him in, proving once again that it's not the quantity of life...it's the quality!

Source: Abraham Lincoln Research Site www.members.aol.com /RVSNorton/Lincoln3.html

Grantz rantz

We won, let's burn down the city

BOB GRANTZ
Sports Editor

What is the best way you can think of to celebrate a local team winning a big game? The city could throw a tickertape parade. They could set aside a day in the team's honor or they could hold a rally for the team. Even better why not go out that night to break windows, loot stores, start fires, throw things and just cause overall havoc.

That seems to be the more common choice recently.

Remember when the Bulls won their last championship? I know it's been while, but think back. The fans went out after the game and basically rioted and destroyed the city. Businesses were looted, cars were flipped, general niceties like that.

Things got so bad in Chicago that store owners started safeguarding their stores as soon as the Bulls hit the championship.

Same thing happened in Denver after the Broncos beat the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII. The Broncos fans set fires, climbed light poles and broke store windows. Some fans even threw rocks and bottles at police officers that were trying to disperse the crowd. Things got so bad that the police used tear gas had to restore order to the crowd.

These were not isolated incidents either. The Broncos fans did the exact same thing the previous year after Denver beat Green Bay in the Super Bowl.

Bulls fans did the same thing every time the Bulls won a championship.

This type of behavior is not limited to pro sports. The same sort of thing happened at Purdue West Lafayette after the women's basketball team won the title in 1999. There were something like 2,000 students in the streets of Lafayette. The crowd started a huge fire and threw furniture, paper and even a pop machine into it. The cops had to come and use tear gas on the students to break it up.

What possesses people to do that? Celebrate a victory by all means but don't destroy the city. Starting fires and looting stores just serves to cheapen a victory.

It makes the residents of the city look bad as well.

It's like Denver Mayor Wellington Webb said: "It's disappointing to see some of that, that we can't celebrate without taking it to the extreme."

There are more constructive ways to celebrate after winning a big game. The celebration doesn't even have to be constructive just as long as it is not destructive.

The local police department should not have to have a riot plan for every time that a team reaches a tournament. People get hurt, things get broken, arrests are made and the city ends up looking dumb.

So next time your team wins the big game think twice about how you choose to celebrate. Before you chuck a bottle at the local convenience store's window, reconsider how you have chosen to celebrate. If you don't want to get gassed, beaten or arrested then you will want to try another way of showing your team pride.

Questions or comments? Contact Bob Grantz at (219) 989-2547 or grantzrj@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.

Women's November Basketball Schedule

Nov. 3	"Sport One" IN Tech.	TBA	
Nov. 4	"Sport One" IN Tech.	TBA	
Nov. 11	Urbana College	7 p.m.	Away
Nov. 12	Central State	2 p.m.	Away
Nov. 14	St. Ambrose	7 p.m.	Home
Nov. 18	IU Northwest	2 p.m.	Away
Nov. 21	Grace College	7 p.m.	Home
Nov. 25	Univ. Southern Indiana	1 p.m.	Away
Nov. 28	Bethel College	5 p.m.	Home

Lady Lakers optimistic about new season

FRANK SPRANKLE
Staff Writer

Less than a month separates the PUC Lady Lakers from the start of this year's basketball season and concentrating on what lies ahead has begun. Gearing up for the season has already covered four weeks of conditioning that included a half hour in the weight room and a mile or two of running.

In the last five years, the Lady Lakers have captured three CCAC titles with the most recent coming just two years ago. Last season, they finished with a 13 to 16 record and took an early exit from the post season following a first round playoff lost to Illinois Institute of Technology.

Since then, a new head coach has stepped into the ranks. Dennis Smith takes over for Gary Hayes, who is now the men's basketball head coach. Smith has been working on recruiting some strong players for the upcoming season.

"It was not as if we were looking for height or size, but for players with athletic ability," Smith said.

A few of the new recruits include freshman guards Sarah Bacan and Thespena Kollintzas. Bacan comes from Griffith High School and is supposed to provide excellent athletic skills. Kollintzas, a Whiting High School graduate, will bring her shooting ability to the Lady Lakers.

Sophomore La Teshia Adams, at 6 foot 1 inch gives size as a center. Adams transferred from Olive Harvey and plans to be committed to her new team.

"I just want to do my best whatever the outcome may be. Any plan will benefit me. The more I play, the better," Adams said.

On Oct. 9, the Lady Lakers had their first practice.

All of the players on the active roster took part in working on ball movement and did shooting drills, with some slight exercises of high jumps and box jumps.

Assistant Coach Melonie Martir believes that the conditioning was a good start, but more needs to come.

"The conditioning worked out a great deal, however most of the team will need to work out and practice more. I would like to see encouragement and closeness on the court," Martin said.

For some people, this season could mean getting back into the groove of things. Such is the case with sophomore Angie Zemen. She begins her stint with the Lady Lakers as a walk on after playing high school ball at Highland just two years ago.

Zemen has faith that she will get back into her game.

"It will be hard to adjust at first but it will come back," Zemen said.

Leadership this season may come from senior guard Christina Chandler who returns as co-captain for the second straight year.

Chandler sees unity as the key to success this season.

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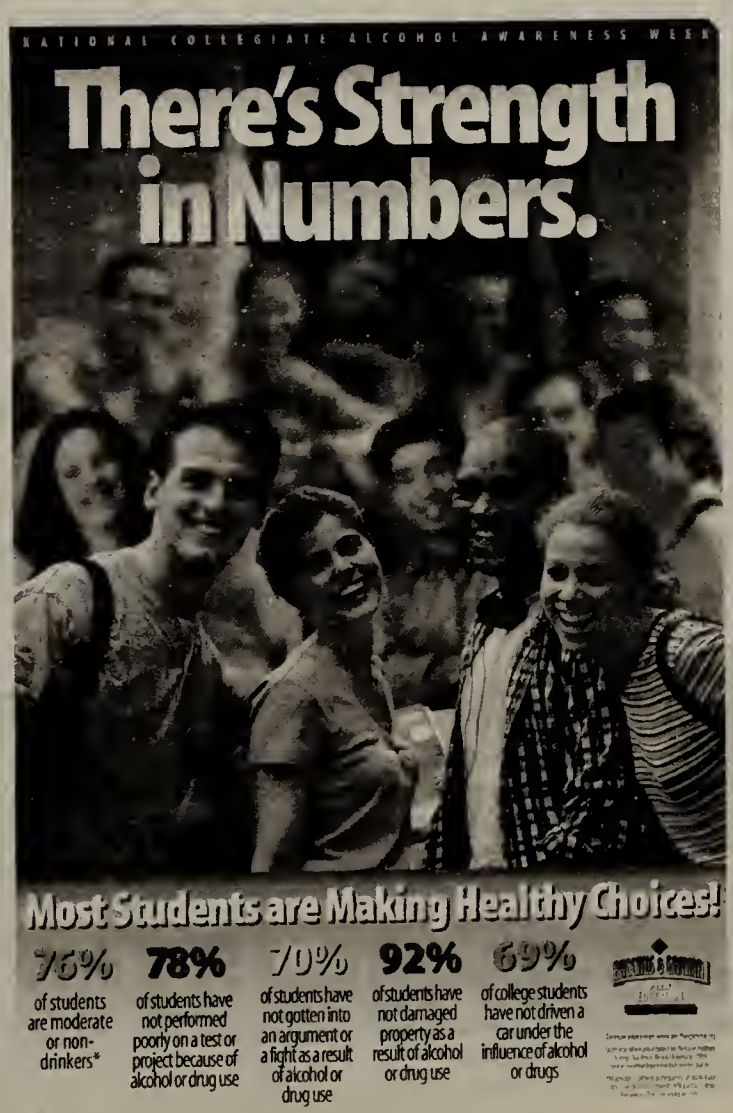
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